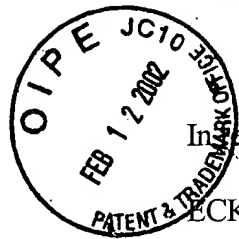


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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
Attention: Lamont Hunter

Sir:

In response to Notification of Missing Requirements dated January 31, 2002 (copy enclosed), enclosed is the originally signed version of the copy of the Declaration filed on December 4, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application.

This Declaration is in compliance with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules, particularly 37 C.F.R. § 1.68. No reason for the alleged non-compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.66 or 1.68 is set forth in the Notification. Additionally, the Declaration is presented on an approved U.S. Patent and Trademark Office form.

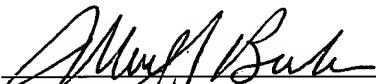
Also submitted herewith is an English language version of the Preliminary Examination report.

No fee is believed to be necessary with this Response. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 18-2220.

Prompt and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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